GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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T.B. ERADICATION
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether T.B. has become resistant to the drugs being used now in the country;

(b) whether sub-standard drugs are also being distributed in Government controlled hospitals catering to T.B. patients;

(c) if so, the facts thereof;

(d) the special T.B. Hospitals available under the jurisdiction of the Union Government for T.B. patients in the country, State-wise;

(e) whether there is any proposal to set up hospitals in different States on short term basis to exclusively focus on cure of T.B.; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c) No, Sir. Anti-TB drugs for all TB cases in RNTCP areas and for sputum positive cases in non RNTCP areas are supplied by the Centre. Drugs are procured by an independent Procurement Agency through International Competitive Bidding (ICB). There is an in-built system in the procurement process for quality testing of the drugs.

(d) Lala Ram Sarup Institute of TB & Allied Disease, New Delhi is the only TB hospital under the Union Government.

(e) & (f) No, Sir.